

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 209

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to commend the Boyd Buchanan School boys' wrestling team, TSSAA Division II, Class A-AA duals wrestling state champions.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of young athletes is the Boyd Buchanan School boys' wrestling team, whose members have all proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by claiming the school's first-ever state title in wrestling, winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division II, Class A-AA Duals Wrestling State Championship; and

WHEREAS, while they lost the first match of the championship by a pin, a pin from undefeated Conor Payne evened the score before a masterful 12-9 decision by Austin Johnson gave the Buccaneers a 9-6 lead, one that their competitors would never overcome; and

WHEREAS, the Boyd Buchanan Buccaneers ultimately defeated Lakeview Christian School 33-31 to claim victory laurels in duals competition; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Boyd Buchanan School championship team are Bentley Edwards, Nolen Hardman, Joseph Williams, Harbor Bent, Carter Rowlett, Matthew West, Conor Payne, Austin Johnson, Kaiden Bates, Xander Hatcher, David Green, Anthony Klein, and Ty Barnes; and

WHEREAS, this fine group of young men benefited greatly from the skill and devoted leadership of Coach Michael Sutherland, who has been coaching the team for six years; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Boyd Buchanan boys' wrestling team epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character on and off the mat; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship season but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Boyd Buchanan School boys' wrestling team on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the Boyd Buchanan School boys' wrestling team upon winning the TSSAA Division II, Class A-AA Duals Wrestling State Championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.